

today's hot line

BULLETIN

Farmington Township police reported the discovery of a "badly decomposed" body of a woman Tuesday morning in a field just north of 13 Mile Road and east of Haggerty Road.

The body was discovered about 9:30 a.m. by a neighbor, Joe Bush, when he walked into the vacant field to check on dumping activities.

According to police, the body was covered by sheets of linoleum tile.

Representatives of the State Crime Lab were on the scene, but Township Police said that the body was so decomposed as to make identification difficult.

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PLYMOUTH — Because the builders' strike has delayed construction of the new buildings the Plymouth Community School District has been forced to hold day sessions for the middle schools next year.

PLYMOUTH — The N. W. Coughlin Co., in the area only a year, has announced plans for a 50 per cent expansion program that will add \$150,000 to the annual payroll.

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth Township has awarded the contract for a 9.3-mile addition to the water system, bringing the total to 62 miles of mains. Work is to start in mid-August.

LIVONIA — The city's paving pace is stepping up and now Newburgh Road has been added to the 1968 program. It will be done this year and next as a two-lane concrete highway with flareouts replacing the gravel. Work starts in August on the two miles between Schoolcraft and Six Mile and in 1969 the mile between Schoolcraft and Plymouth, and Six and Eight Miles will be done. Farmington and Merriman roads are being widened and paved in the north-south program.

LIVONIA — City bargainers are worried about what the rest of the public employes will demand in salary and wage increases December 1, now that the police and firemen have signed two-year contracts that will send their pay up \$900 a year—following a \$500 retroactive raise. The majority of the city personnel got only \$300 raises last December, plus quarterly adjustments of three cents an hour as living costs soar. Livonia already is knee-deep in deficit, Mayor Harvey W. Moelke said.

REDFORD — Three Redfordites died in three separate car mishaps. One man suffered a heart attack and drove into a car showroom. A young boy died in a car-truck crash at Plymouth and Telegraph Roads. The third, a 19-year-old girl, died in a car accident on Ford Rd. between Livonia and Ann Arbor.

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FARMINGTON ENTERPRISE AND OBSERVER

Plans to Raise Carrier Subscription Plan

Beginning with July collections, rates for Carrier Subscription Plan will be increased to fifty cents per month for twice a week delivery.

The price increase is necessary, Circulation Director Fred J. Wright explained, because of the continuing sharp increases in the cost of printing and distributing newspapers.

He emphasized the outstanding job the carriers have been doing on their routes. Some of the increase will be passed on to the carrier, he added.

The fifty cents you pay your carrier each month on the Carrier Subscription Plan assures his success in his first business venture. Be sure to ask for a receipt, which will guarantee delivery of the FARMINGTON ENTERPRISE AND OBSERVER.



STAY LOOSE, SON — Harry Kujawa, instructor of a Farmington summer baseball school, shows young Dave Marcus proper way to get a running start in stealing a base. Approximately 60 youngsters have been enrolled in the semi-weekly classes.

Baseball Class Attracts Tomorrow's Stars

By FRED DELANO

For 60 Farmington area boys whose ages range from nine to 15, summer school will end with pangs of regret Aug. 2. It will be with regret for in two 90-minute classes each week since June 20 they've been studying only one subject — baseball. And they've been doing it officially, as part of the school district's summer program.

IT'S THE first year a baseball school has been sanctioned by the district administration, but if the enthusiasm of the students can be accepted as an accurate barometer it has been a highly successful experiment.

At least part of that enthusiasm probably stems from the love for kids and for the game itself shown by the tutor at these sessions, Harry Kujawa. Kujawa is a 45-year-old stereotyper by profession and got as far as semi-pro ranks as a ball player himself. Along the way he also became a real student of the game, specializing in showing youngsters the difference between the "wrong way" and "right way" of performing each of baseball's fundamentals.

His Farmington summer classes have been conducted on the diamonds of Highmeadow, Bond and 10-Mile schools, in addition to which he has conducted indoor schools in Livonia of the last three winters.

"TWO MAJOR things can be accomplished by acquiring correct baseball skills," says Kujawa.

"One is to play the game better and gain the feeling of achievement, which comes from improving skill. The other is to avoid an injury; very seldom do we hear of a player who



executes a play properly being injured."

Kujawa, in his work with raw neophytes who have the desire to learn but offer little inborn coordination, shows the patience needed to start a youngster off on the right track.

The very basics such as the proper way to throw and catch a ball are the starting point, and from there teaching progresses to covering the fundamentals of batting, pitching and playing each position.

A written quiz — though never graded in classroom fashion — is used by Kujawa to gain an early insight on each youth's homegrown knowledge of the game.

Three of the four master contracts for the coming year have been signed by the Farmington Board of Education with the District teachers. Officially the various bargaining groups.

The ratio was achieved Monday night when the Farmington Board of Education signed modifications of the current contract with the District's maintenance, custodial and cafeteria employees.

Included in the agreement is a salary hike of \$200 per year if the maximum pay scale has been reached. If not, a prorated share of the hike was called for.

The District had already signed contracts with the district bus drivers and secretaries.

Still pending is the agreement of a master contract with the District teachers. Officially the Board and the Farmington Educational Association teams have recessed subject to the call of the state mediator. As of Monday no meeting was scheduled.

Fred Harrison, treasurer of the recently formed Farmington Community Center campaign, ordered some bumper stickers to be given away at the Founders Festival. When he opened the package to place the "Support Farmington Community Center" emblem on his own car, he found that he was the possessor of 2,500 "Wallace for President" bumper banners.

A long-distance call to the out-of-state printer assured Harrison that the correct stickers would be dispatched by plane pronto to guarantee arrival in time for the Festival. No suggestions were forthcoming as to where the unsolicited literature should be forwarded.

Township Plagued By Garbage Woes; 'More Money'

Only 25 per cent of the residents of Farmington Township are taking advantage of the free monthly refuse pick-up system, Supervisor Curtis H. Hall revealed Monday night in a public hearing leading to a vote of a general fund budget of \$1,110,000 for 1968-69.

While only nine of the township's estimated 39,000 residents attended the hearing, their 30 minutes of questioning did bring out these details:

1. HALL characterized "roads and refuse as our two most critical problems" and said rubbish removal cannot be improved "without more millage." The current appropriation is \$24,000.

"We all agree the service is less than adequate," he said, "and some day maybe we can do something about it. However, to do the job completely could cost as much as \$300,000 a year and even then there is no assurance we could get a contractor to take the job. We do expect Oakland County to get into the refuse disposal business, but the big question is where to put the stuff."

2. The township has no plans for instituting a snow removal program, as it has no authority over the roads and must leave this problem entirely in the hands of the county road commission.

3. As has been the custom of the township administration of recent years, an estimated five cent surplus is built into the budget which will show itself at the end of the fiscal year.

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4. QUERIED as to the prospect of a full-time fire department for the township, Hall answered that this is "quite a few years away—a minimum of four or five, maybe 10, ever."

Praising the present volunteer fire force, he said, "We're fortunate. It's more or less a little club. They meet every week and they practice every two weeks."

5. A proposed \$5,000 disbursement for the township's share of the cost of operating the new district court was called for by Hall "a ball park figure."

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Public Hearing Set For YMCA

Organized opposition to the proposed location of a new facility which the Y.M.C.A. of Metropolitan Detroit wants to build in the Farmington area is expected to be voiced during a public hearing to be conducted Thursday night by the Township Planning Commission.

Specifically, the hearing will be on the request of the Y.M.C.A. to rezone 12.22 acres directly north of the Danvers Shopping Center at 12 Mile and Farmington Rds, from RA-2 (single family residences) to SP-3 (special purpose).

It is one of three public hearings on rezoning requests which will be held at the commission's July 25 session. The meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Danzel Junior High School.

The proposed Y.M.C.A. facility would be built on the east side of Farmington Rd. between the shopping center and East Tulipwood Rd. The property adjoins Kendallwood subdivision No. 2.

Handbills circulated within the subdivision have asked that residents voice their disapproval of the proposed rezoning, declaring:

"Do you want the increased traffic, the noise, and the lights of the Y.M.C.A. in your subdivision when it could be an attribute to our community if erected in an area more suitable located?"

"It would appear that the environment the Kendallwood Corporation originally sought to preserve in our subdivision could best be kept by maintaining the present residential zoning and utilizing the property for homes rather than for a Y.M.C.A."

The two other public hearings slated Thursday are on these requirements:

1. For rezoning of the property at 3230 12 Mile Rd., known as the Kendallwood Nursing Home, from RC-2 (multiple units) to RC-1 (multiple units of greater density).

2. For rezoning 2,043 acres between Nine Mile, Shilawassee and Middle Belt Rds, from LI-1 (light industrial) to B-3 (special shopping) for development of general retail businesses.

Reagan Out Of Primary

What had started out July 2 as a five-man race for the newly created position of Farmington District Judge lost a contender by the wayside this week when Attorney Edward R. Reagan withdrew and threw his support behind the candidacy of Municipal Judge Michael J. Hand.

IN MAKING his announcement, the 39-year-old lawyer indicated that the fast pace of the pre-primary campaign for the \$27,500 position was not to his liking when he stated:

"I am opposed to the solicitation and investment of large sums of money for the purpose of gaining election to a judicial post for the reason that such practice tends to weaken the bench and subject judges to the accusations of favoritism and partiality."

The battle for nomination to the bench has vastly overshadowed other primary races in the area to this date, due to extensive advertising by the candidates. Reagan said it was this zealous campaigning which helped him to reach a decision to withdraw.

Other remaining candidates, besides Judge Hand, are Attorney Bernard S. Kahn, a former unsuccessful candidate for the Oakland County Circuit Court bench, Township Justice of the Peace Robert H. Nelson,



RARE BLOOMS — The cactus blooms every four or five years for the period of one night. The plant at the home of Rev. Carl Shultz bloomed Sunday night. Take a good look because the blossoms have to last for another four years.

See Our Special Festival Section